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Sir:

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JP 5-237202 corresponds to US 5,158,300.  
JP 9-285566 corresponds to US 5,857,924.  
JP 11-089967 corresponds to US 6,346,053.  
JP 2000-279553 corresponds to US 6,368,238.

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